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**Corporate Structure and Demography
Central Companies Directory (CCD) at 1 January 2011**

The number of active companies decreases 1.3% in 2010, standing at 3.25 million

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The number of active companies decreased 1.3% during the year 2010, standing at 3,250,576, according to the latest update of the Central Companies Directory (CCD) at 1 January 2011. This was the **third consecutive year with a decrease in the number of active companies**.

The following table classifies active companies, depending on the two basic classification characteristics: the economic sector to which they belong, and the assigned employee bracket.

Active companies, according to economic sector, by employee bracket

	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Rest of services
TOTAL	3,250,576	220,935	487,224	782,194	1,760,223
No employees	1,795,321	82,472	278,640	401,529	1,032,680
1 to 2 employees	847,952	55,875	114,586	232,236	445,255
3 to 5 employees	313,408	30,961	49,633	84,742	148,072
6 to 9 employees	138,040	17,515	19,887	36,448	64,190
10 to 19 employees	84,834	16,686	14,547	15,641	37,960
20 or more employees	71,021	17,426	9,931	11,598	32,066

Active companies, by economic sector

The sector of *Services, excluding Trade* continued to carry the greatest weight in the corporate population structure. At 1 January 2011, it represented 54.1% of the total. This sector included all those companies dedicated to accommodation, transport and storage, information and communications, financial and insurance activities, real estate, professional, scientific and technical activities, administrative and support services activities, educational, health and social care activities and other types of social activity, including personal services.

The weight of *Trade* in the total for the economy was also significant, as it represented 24.1% of the total. Within this section were those companies that carried out wholesale and retail trade activities, and trade intermediaries.

Lastly, those companies in the *Construction* sector accounted for 15.0% of the joint population, whereas those companies in *Industry* represented 6.8% of the total.

Active companies by number of employees

From a size perspective, measured by the number of employees, a reduced scale continued to be a feature of Spanish companies.

According to the data at 1 January 2011, almost 1.8 million companies had no employees. This figure accounted for 55.2% of the total, with a 1.3 point increase over the previous year.

Moreover, another 847,952 companies (26.1% of the total) had between one and two employees.

Adding these two groups yielded that **more than eight out of 10 companies had two or fewer employees.**

On considering only the companies with employees, those employing 20 or more workers represented 4.9% of the total.

The highest percentages of small companies were to be found in the sector of *Services, excluding Trade* (84.0% had two or fewer employees) and *Trade* (81.0%).

Conversely, the weight of large companies was concentrated in the industrial sector, where 7.9% of the total employed 20 or more persons.

Company registrations and delistings

Considering evolution over time, worth noting was that 331,264 companies began the exercise of economic activities during the 2010 financial year.

In turn, 376,945 companies ceased all their activities.

80.5% of the economic units registered in 2010 were already in this situation the previous year.

Companies, by demographic category

Demographic category	Total	Percentage of the total
TOTAL	3,627,521	100.0
New (Registrations)	331,264	9.1
Remaining in business	2,919,312	80.5
Closed-down (Delistings)	376,245	10.4

Active companies, by Autonomous Community

By Autonomous Community, Cataluña accounted for the most active companies at 1 January 2011, with 18.5% of the total. It was followed by Comunidad de Madrid (with 15.4% of the total) and Andalucía (with 15.1%). In these three Communities, the number of active companies decreased during the year 2010.

Active companies, according to economic sector, by Autonomous Community

Autonomous Community	Total	Industry	Construction	Trade	Rest of services
TOTAL	3,250,576	220,935	487,224	782,194	1,760,223
Andalucía	492,341	30,608	65,575	136,962	259,196
Aragón	90,858	7,347	14,816	20,726	47,969
Asturias	69,877	3,950	10,334	16,186	39,407
Baleares (Illes)	87,461	4,739	16,071	17,626	49,025
Canarias	132,488	5,572	16,220	33,511	77,185
Cantabria	38,867	2,280	6,592	8,881	21,114
Castilla y León	166,509	12,810	28,067	41,445	84,187
Castilla-La Mancha	130,079	13,511	24,388	33,703	58,477
Cataluña	601,801	41,641	89,975	134,241	335,944
Comunitat Valenciana	348,955	26,619	51,113	89,260	181,963
Extremadura	65,103	5,123	9,638	19,368	30,974
Galicia	196,535	13,688	32,686	51,054	99,107
Madrid (Comunidad de)	501,669	25,097	67,929	98,494	310,149
Murcia (Región de)	90,856	7,212	14,906	24,665	44,073
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	41,541	3,974	6,649	9,636	21,282
País Vasco	165,496	14,040	27,989	37,709	85,758
Rioja (La)	22,801	2,581	3,606	5,587	11,027
Ceuta	3,642	79	352	1,429	1,782
Melilla	3,697	64	318	1,711	1,604

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Methodological note

The Central Companies Directory (CCD) includes, in a single information system, all Spanish companies and their local units located within Spain. It is a key infrastructure tool which enables carrying out and coordinating the research system aimed at production units.

In order to meet this requirement, the CCD must be updated as necessary and units must be shown with reliable identification, localisation and classification data.

The CCD is compiled and maintained over time from the primary data originating from a range of sources of an administrative and statistical point of origin, submitting all this information to a sophisticated process of filtering, alignment and integration, for the purpose of achieving total national coverage.

Currently, all economic activities are covered, except Agriculture and Fishing, the Public Administration, Defence and Compulsory Social Security, household activities employing housekeeping staff and Extraterritorial Organisations. Work on extending coverage to the whole of economic activities is gradually being carried out, taking into account new administrative sources. The methodology and the actual scope of this extension are being analysed at the very heart of the European Union.

The CCD is a project that has been carried out by the INE since 1989, and currently, with reference 1/1/2011, has information available relating to the population of companies with a presence in Spain (3,250,576 active units), as well as local units where said companies carry out their activities (3,655,457 units).

Other objectives are:

–To provide structural data on the number of companies and premises existing in Spain, classified by main economic activity, employee bracket, legal condition and geographical location.

–To offer data on the temporary evolution of the companies as concerns newly registered companies, companies remaining in business and companies that have closed down (delistings), detected in the year of updating the Directory, and their classification by the usual variables.

–To satisfy demands for information required by international bodies, and in particular, by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).